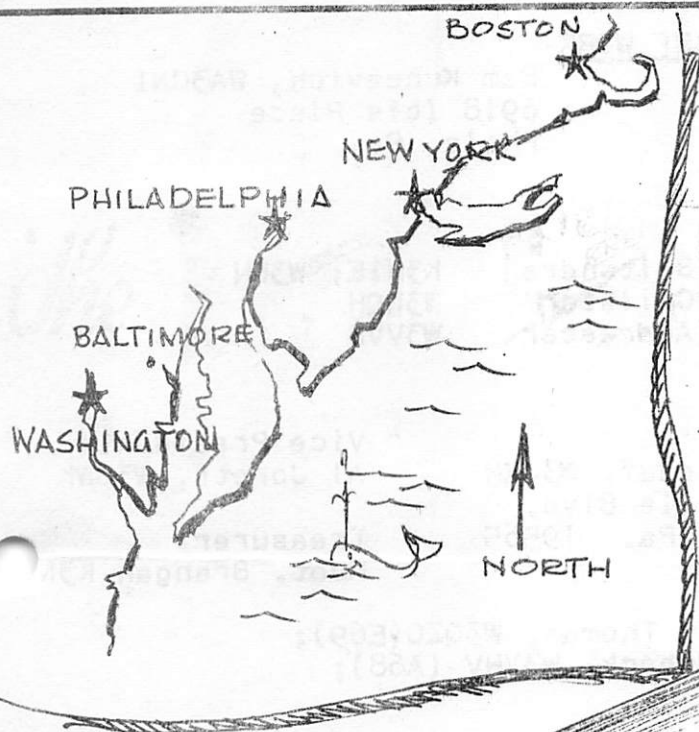


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CLUB NET & FREQUENCIES

29.493mc-1000 Sunday (10-on-10) monitored daily; 29.626mc 2nd Freq.; 3993kc
SSB-0730-0845 daily; 50.7mc; 52.525mc(FM); 147.78mc.

Sam's HALF ACRE

WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND
MALICE A FORETHOUGHT, I
PRESENT YOU WITH THE 33RD
ORDER OF THE CHICKEN



THE BLURB
MAY, 1968

THE PREZ SEZ

At this moment I haven't the slightest idea of what our Field Day Committee, under the most able leadership of K3UWO, has in store for us. Actually, that's not completely true. We know, from what we have heard, that we are in for a most interesting and challenging "test" - a true test of our capabilities as a mobile club.

This is the time when we should ask ourselves, "How can we justify our existence as a Philmonter - or a radio amateur, for that matter?" Certainly the state of the art has advanced far more rapidly than the ability of most of us to keep pace. We haven't much to offer the field of electronics in that area.

Here then is our chance to justify the space we cherish in the radio spectrum. Operating under truly emergency conditions, using nearly all modes on a half-dozen bands, we will test our ability to serve the public in time of disaster.

The apathetic approach can only mean that we are not Philmonters - or radio amateurs.

73
W3KN

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IT SEEMS TO ME

de K3KUD

There is no doubt in my mind that the intent of Ordinance #10-800 is laudable, nor have I any question about the need for such a law. I do have some doubts however, about the legality of such a ruling, but this is not my field - let the lawyers settle that question.

My concern, as an active amateur, interested in mobile operation, is the high-handed approach to "enforcement" being taken by the police on the beat. This is evidenced by the repeated stopping of cars just because they have an antenna which an officer feels is longer (or shorter) than necessary.

Like most hams, I pay an additional fee each year for the privilege of having a call-letter license plate. The prime reason for this, or any registration plate, is to assist the police in identifying the vehicle and the owner, yet the average policeman stops cars without even noting the license. This is evidenced by the surprise he shows when told that one is a ham.

Now I do not pretend to believe that no ham would, or does, monitor police calls. I would like to point out, however, that the person who wants to do this for illegal purposes is not likely to stick an eight foot whip on his car! Not with all the "disguise" antennas which are available.

The City of Philadelphia relies heavily on amateur radio to furnish CD communication; the military services can attest to our cooperation; it seems a shame that antagonism is being stirred by this law. Possibly a few words from the right people can straighten it all out.

PHIL-MONT CALENDAR FOR MAY

Monday	May 6	Regular meeting-Franklin Institute	8:00 PM
Wednesday	May 22	Mid-month meeting at W3QZO	8:00 PM
Monday	May 27	BLURB folding at W3QQH	7:30 PM

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REPORT OF REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was held at the Franklin Institute on Monday, April 1. After the usual brief business session, the program was turned over to Hy Hecht, W3WNC. Hy, acting as auctioneer once again, then proceeded to present the Freebee Auction.

Although the attendance was rather small for such a program, Hy did manage to shift the ownership of numerous goodies and at the same time help the club realize a rather nice profit. Incidentally, our Fearless Leader, W3KN and our Chancellor of the Exchequer, K3NYL, developed a nice political coalition to obtain the goody of their choice.

Coffee and doughnuts topped off the evening and everyone went home happy - we hope!

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MAY MEETING PROGRAM

The program at our next meeting will be presented by Fred Shaw, W3ADV and Ed Faye, W3RCE. The subject matter will concern the new high-speed Boston to Washington trains and the rather involved radio-relay system developed by Mother Bell to handle telephone communications from them. W3ADV has previously given us some very interesting information on this subject, but this will be a continuation rather than a repeat. The program will be highlighted by color slides and promises to be a good one.

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The Program Committee reports that the June meeting will feature George Vandyke, W3HK and Jon Balch, K3HWX/W3AES in a program devoted to ARRL. More on this next month.

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Paul Bohlander, W3VVS is interested in material for future programs. At this time there are still four open meetings and Paul would be happy to hear from anyone who has either a complete program or the basic idea for one.

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CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Don't forget that Field Day is coming up. The dates are June 22 - 23 and the location is still a secret. This will be a real test of our ability to put our equipment on the air under emergency conditions. The actual location will be announced on Friday evening, June 21, on Channel 1 and on 3993 kc.

Contact Bob Mynster, K3UWO for any additional information which you might desire.

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Another interesting activity which we are looking forward to is the annual canoe race down the Delaware, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of Philadelphia. Paddlerama, as the race is called, has given us a lot of fun in previous years, and this year should be no exception. The dates are August 9, 10, and 11 and Jim Spencer, W3QQH or Bill Bubeck, W3YHV are the ones to see for information.

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Our Intrepid Artist, Sam Kunceovich, WA3CNI received a card from ARRL Headquarters which complimented him on his art work for the BLURB. The card also suggested that Sam sign the covers he does for the BLURB, a practice we have never followed in PHIL-MONT. I appreciate the complimentary remarks on Sam's behalf, but I wish ARRL would run QST and leave the BLURB alone. (ED)

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Talk about early risers - on a recent morning seven Philmonters were heard checking in to the Rooster Net. This net runs every morning from 0600 to 0700. The stations checking in were W3YHV, W3KN, W3JGB, K3KUD, K3QJA, K3AWC, and W3WNC.

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With spring here and summer just around the corner it might be well to check over the antennas. Winter can certainly play havoc with them and now is the time for repairs if needed. Don't forget that we have an excellent Antenna Committee and help is available for the asking. Contact Jim Spencer, W3QQH.

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It seems that one can't really have faith in anything these days. A copy of the Penn Wireless Association publication, "X-MITTER" was delivered recently delivered to Ye Olde Ed with the ZIP shown as 19046 instead of 19038. I thought that if the ZIP was wrong, all was lost !

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Are you working on the advancement of your class of license? Why not?

CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Jim Spencer, W3QQH reports that the first golf match of the season will be held on June 9 at St. David's. Jim will have more on this event in the near future.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"I don't spout off much, but when I do..... The passage, August 17, 1967, and the subsequent enforcement attempts of Bill #2691, amending Chapter 10-800 of the Philadelphia Code has caused considerable apprehension in the minds of those of us whose hobby is radio.

(Excerpts from the Ordinance deleted - see complete text elsewhere in this issue. ED)

Let me make completely clear that I am in favor of any regulation which impairs, deters, or penalizes wreck chasers, ambulance chasers, and the use of information obtained from safety services monitoring to incite civil disturbance or to confuse delegated authority. The principle of 'what you do with what you hear' has been used as a basis for determining violation of the Secrecy of Communications for many years.

Section 10-817 however, prohibits listening, manufacture, ownership, sale, possession. It would seem that the City Fathers see fit to transmit their police and fire information 'in the clear', and then elevate themselves to a position of determining who shall hear these gems. If these transmissions were scrambled or otherwise discreet, some credence could be given to a claim of wilful interception.

Further, it is unlawful to manufacture such receivers. Perhaps Lafayette, Allied, Monitor, Hallicrafters, and even the big ones such as GE, Motorola, and RCA may be violating this ill-conceived rule. Section (3) exempts news media. Can it be that the Council was reluctant to tread on the toes which might affect their re-election?

It might seem that I am angered because the ordinance tends to prevent me from listening to the Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments. Not so. I do not listen to them. I am concerned that any city council or municipal government should deem its position so lofty as to determine for me what and who I shall hear. The Iron Curtain is still east of us!

Further, if I read correctly, I am prevented from listening to any Public Service transmissions anywhere, anytime. This seems to me but a step toward Big Brother thought control. What do you think?"

Jim Spencer, W3QQH

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The following is a copy of the ordinance recently adopted by the City of Philadelphia regarding possession of certain radio equipment. No responsibility can be taken by the BLURB for the legal accuracy of the text.

Bill Number 2691

Section 1. Chapter 10-800 of the Philadelphia Code, relating to safety in connection with individual conduct and activity, is amended as follows:

10-817 Police and Fire Radio Broadcasts

(1) No unauthorized person shall intercept or interfere with any police or fire radio broadcast. No person shall manufacture, own, possess, sell, or transfer any radio which is capable of receiving or interfering with police or fire radio broadcasts.

No person shall alter any radio receiver or converter in any manner so that the receiver or converter makes it possible to interfere with or receive police or fire radio broadcasts.

(2) Confiscation. Any radio receiver capable of receiving police and fire broadcasts shall be presumed to be used for that purpose and any police officer is authorized to impound the receiver and hold it until the owner arranges for it to be re-equipped so that it will not be capable of receiving police or fire radio broadcasts. If the owner does not make such arrangements within a period of thirty days, the receiver shall be destroyed.

(3) Exemptions. Sections 10-817 (1) and (2) shall not apply to any law enforcement agency or any public news media.

(4) Penalty. The penalty for violation of this section shall be a fine of not less than one-hundred dollars (\$100) and not more than three-hundred dollars (\$300), together with imprisonment of not less than thirty days or more than ninety days.

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The BLURB welcomes comments by individuals, clubs, agencies and any other interested parties concerning the above. We will attempt to publish all comments and letters which we receive, provided that they are pertinent and in good taste.

The BLURB is presently considering a prize for any amateur who can find more than 25 things wrong with the above ordinance. The figure 25 was selected because the first 20 are so glaring as to present no challenge.

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We would appreciate being notified of all cases where the Philadelphia Police stop a ham for questioning in connection with the above. Please note whether or not your car is identified by call letter tags. Send the information to Ye Olde Editor, K3KUD.

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= SWAP AND SHOP

For sale: Club property-RCA CMV-3 FM transceiver.
45 watts output; $\frac{1}{2}$ uv receiver. 110VAC P/S
built-in. Operating on 52.525mc. \$75.00

Contact Jim Spencer
884-8469

For sale: HQ-110 AC; Globe Chief Deluxe; Twoer.

Contact R.Reichman
MO-7-9291

For sale: From estate of D.R.Phillips, W3JGH.
Hammarlund HQ170 recvr w/clock, serial
#9571; Johnson Valiant II, model 240-105,
serial #1131; Astatic mike, model UG-8;
Eico model 315 Signal Generator; Eico model
221 VTVM; Simpson 260 Multimeter; Triplet
model 2413 Tube Tester; Mars (Japan) SWR
Bridge and Indicator; 24 hour clock; misc.
items.

Contact W3PST
Woody Haldeman
725-1106

Wanted: Control box for Alliance roatator U-98 or
equivalent. Will consider complete system
if reasonable.

Contact K3PHC
Jim Bock
TR-7-6489

For sale: Ameco TX62, 6/2 meter xmtr. Perfect,
w/Dow Relay-\$120...Heath Twoer, 2 meter
transceiver. Perfect w/xtals-\$43.....Central
Electronics 20A SSB xmtr-\$100.....Bandhopper VFO
for above-\$50.....Heath professional scope, o-11
-\$35.....RCA Mk 8 transceiver on 10 meters. Xtals
for 29.493 and 29.52 mc. With tunable rcvr and
transistor 12v and 115v p/s-\$75.....Federal 804
Sigaaal Generator w/pad-\$75...Ameco 6 and 2 meter
Nuvistor converters w/power-supply. 14mc IF-\$75
.....Heath stereo spkrs AS41U (2)-\$15.....Knight
T60 xmtr-\$35.....Homebrew electronic keyer,
transistor-\$10...Other items

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